**Off-Leash Area Permit Application And Informational Guide**

$40 per household (up to 3 dogs)

Valid: January 1 - December 31

To Register, Please Call, Click or Come In

410-313-7275 | www.howardcountymd.gov/rap

7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046

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**WORTHINGTON PARK**

Worthington Park is located off New Cut Road at 8170 Hillsborough Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The Off-Leash area is open from 7am to dusk (except for scheduled maintenance). You can call 410-313-4455 for an inclement weather/program status recording.

The 2.7-acre lower area is near the park entrance, has a separate section for smaller, timid or elderly dogs, and has ADA-compliant access from the adjacent parking lot. There is also an upper area on the other side of Hillsborough Road. Look for signs telling you which area is being used.

To provide a safe environment for all dogs, the off-leash areas are surrounded by 6-foot high, vinyl-clad, chain-link fences with double gates. Water may be available in the lower areas during summer openings. The upper area does not have water.

For your convenience, you’ll find Mutt-Mitt dispensers and containers for waste material. Please bring a water container (no glass) for your dog.

Area use is not restricted to Howard County residents. However, all users must purchase an annual or daily permit. (Daily permits available on-site.)

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**RULES & REGULATIONS**

There is a maximum of two dogs per handler in the Off-Leash Area. Dogs must be leashed when not in the Off-Leash Area.

 Handlers must…
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Enter the park at their own risk.
- Have proof of rabies shot.
- Remain in the Off-Leash Area with their dogs at all times.
- Maintain sight of and control over their dogs.
- Pick up and properly dispose of their dogs’ feces.
- Render first aid if their dogs are injured, and notify other handlers if their dogs inflict injury.
- Speak up if concerned about another dog’s behavior.
- Keep dogs on leash and in hand until you have entered the park.

Not permitted in the Off-Leash Area...
- Glass containers
- Children less than 12 years old – no exceptions
- Smoking or eating
- Dog treats or training treats
- Aggressive dogs
- Dogs in their heat cycle
- Dogs less than four months old
- Professional training or grooming
- Animals other than dogs
- Injured or sick dogs
- Digging by humans or dogs
- Prong Collars

Please visit kiosk for updates and other valuable information. For your safety, please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Worthington Dog Park
8170 Hillsborough Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Photos courtesy of Lia Joell (Photographer)/Maryland Dog Park Community (Facebook).
PERMIT/LICENSE INFO

This permit is valid January 1 - December 31. The fee is not prorated. Make check payable to Director of Finance, Howard County. We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. For registration information, call 410-313-7275 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap.

Note: While the permit registers up to three dogs per household, there is a maximum of two dogs per handler in the Off-Leash Area.

To Register or Renew: Registration fee is $40 per household, up to three dogs. Dog tag replacement fee is $5. You may register in person (8am - 4:30pm) or by mail at the following address: Howard County Recreation & Parks 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia or in-person: Roger Carter Community Center 3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City 6am-10pm, Monday-Friday 7am-10pm, Saturday 7am-9pm, Sunday

Call 410-313-2764 for directions and hours. Include proof (copy) of a valid dog license and current rabies certificate (all renewing applicants must provide copies of a valid dog license and rabies certificate) for each dog being registered with the completed registration form. Howard County pet owners can obtain a dog license at www.myHoward.info when a user account is created.

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Dog fights - What to do:
• Remain as calm as possible.
• Exchange information with all involved.
• If personal injury is incurred, contact the Health Department at 410-313-2640.

Dogs have very different styles of play. Some are rough-and-tumble, same like to chase, bark or nip, and others prefer limited physical contact.

Common types of potentially aggressive behavior include:
• Bullying - domineering dog does not relinquish control over a submissive dog.
• Mounting - common behavior, escalates into more combative actions.
• Ambushing - threatening behavior between unfamiliar dogs, often at entrances.
• Provoking - dog treating another dog as prey by chasing, stalking and nipping.
• Possessive - defending of property; barking, snapping and growling to prevent other dogs or people from approaching.
• Packing - more than four or five dogs packed and grouped can lead to trouble. Break it up before it starts by leading your dog to a neutral area at least 50 feet away.

RENTALS

Rental space is available. Permit availability is dependent upon condition of the park and scheduled maintenance.

There is a $20/hour fee for special event rentals and $15/hour for training.

Contact Registration at 410-313-7275 (voice/relay) for additional information.

APPLICATION FORM:

RP0072

New Permit Permit Renewal

Owner’s Name Date of Birth
Address
City/State/Zip
Email
Home Telephone Work Telephone

Dog 1
Name Breed M/F Birth date
License # County Exp. Date
Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

Dog 2
Name Breed M/F Birth date
License # County Exp. Date
Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

Dog 3
Name Breed M/F Birth date
License # County Exp. Date
Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

I agree to abide by all the rules & regulations of Howard County Recreation & Parks. I agree to hold Howard County, its employees, officials and agents harmless from any and all claims for damages unless due to the sole negligence of the County, its employees or agents.

Signature Date

Credit Card Payment:

MasterCard VISA American Express Discover Exp. Date:

Card # CVV #

Cardholder Signature Date

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